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SUMMARY: DURING THIRD ANNUAL JAPAN-PAKISTAN CONSULTATIONS
PAKS STRESSED GRAVE THREAT POSED BY USSR TO PAKISTAN'S INTER-
NAL SECURITY AND TO POLITICAL EQUILIBRIUM IN SOUTH ASIA. PAKS
SOUGHT JAPANESE ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT AND ITS
ASSISTANCE IN EMPHASIZING TO US DANGERS GOP PERCEIVES IN
RUSSIAN AMBITIONS IN THE AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING THIRD ANNUAL JAPAN-PAKISTAN BI-LATERAL POLITICAL
CONSULTATIONS IN ISLAMABAD LATE NOVEMBER, WHERE JAPANESE
WERE REPRESENTED BY DEP VICE FONMIN FUMIHIKO TOGO AND PAKS
BY FONSEC AGA SHAH, SHAH ARTICULATED GRAVE PAK CONCERN OVER
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SOVIET AMBITIONS AND CAPABILITIES IN SOUTH ASIA AND PAKISTAN

ITSELF. FONOFF (SHIGENOBU YOSHIDA, DEP HEAD, SW ASIA DIV WHO ACCOMPANIED TOGO DURING TALKS) INFORMED EMBASSY SHAH'S THEME THROUGHOUT MEETINGS WAS SOVIET THREAT ON SEVERAL FRONTS: A) PAKS UNSURE WHETHER SOVIETS ENGINEERED DAUD COUP IN AFGHAN-ISTAN BUT THEY AT LEAST KNEW IN ADVANCE. DAUD IS IN LEAGUE WITH SOVIETS. B) SOVIETS ARE INSTALLING MISSILES ALONG AFGHAN-PAK BORDER. C) SOVIETS ARE ARMING BORDER TRIBESMEN (PUSHTUS) AND SUPPORT DAUD'S EFFORTS TO INCITE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT FOR PUSHTUS AND THEREBY AGAIN DISMEMBER PAKISTAN. D) SOVIETS ARE RECRUITING AGENTS IN PAKISTAN ITSELF AND SMUGGLING ARMS INTO PAKISTAN TO OVERTHROW GOP. (SHAH CITED FEB '73 GOP RAID ON IRAQ EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD SEIZING SIZE-ABLE CACHE OF WEAPONS AS ONE BIT OF EVIDENCE). E) SUBVERSION OF PAKISTAN IS MAJOR FOCUS OF SOVIET STRATEGY TO GAIN UN-IMPAIRED ACCESS TO SOUTH ASIA AND COMPLETE ENCIRCLEMENT OF CHINA IN SOUTH ASIA.

2. SHAH TOLD JAPANESE THAT US DID NOT ADEQUATELY APPRECIATE DANGERS TO PAKISTAN NOR THE THREAT TO EQUILIBRIUM IN SOUTH ASIA WHICH SOVIET UNION CONSTITUTED. HE SAID GOP WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH BHUTTO'S RECENT TRIP TO THE US BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO CONVINCE THE US OF DANGER OF SOVIET INTENTIONS NOR TO ARRANGE SUFFICIENT MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO PAKISTAN. US ATTEMPT TO BALANCE RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND INDIA PLAYED INTO SOVIET DESIGNS. SHAH SOUGHT JAPANESE ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE, LATTER PRIMARILY AS CHANNEL TO CONVINCE US OF DANGERS IN SOUTH ASIA. FINALLY, PAKS COMPLAINED OF JAPAN'S BIAS TOWARD INDIA AND SOUGHT TO RECTIFY THIS ATTITUDE. SHAH SINGLED OUT PRC AS MOST DEPENDABLE FRIEND OF PAKISTAN.

4. JAPANESE WERE PLEASED WITH THE SCOPE OF THE TALKS. THEY REALIZED THAT SHAH'S PRESENTATION WAS PRIMARILY AN ATTEMPT TO USE JAPAN AS CHANNEL TO USG (WHICH THEY WERE WILLING TO BE) AND TO TRY TO OBTAIN ECONOMIC AID FROM JAPAN AND THE US. YOSHIDA SAID GOJ HAD NO PREFERENCE BETWEEN GOP AND GOI BUT JAPAN MERELY RECOGNIZED REALITY THAT INDIA WAS A SIGNIFICANT POWER AND PAKISTAN WAS NOT AND FOR THAT REASON EXPENDED MORE ENERGY IN INDIA'S DIRECTION. JAPANESE FOUND PAKS TO BE MORE ENERGETIC, REASONABLE AND LOGICAL THAN INDIANS, CONFIDENTIAL

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YOSHIDA EXPRESSED OPINION THAT OF ALL SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES, PAKISTAN HAD BEST PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPING AND ACHIEVING SOME ECONOMIC VIABILITY. SHOESMITH

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